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Great Turnout for Commissioner Jordan's First Table Talk Forum

In her continuing effort to be accessible and responsive to her constituents, Commissioner Jordan recently began her series of Table Talk forums. More than 300 District One residents turned out for the evening meeting to share their concerns on a wide range of issues and talk with officials from the County's Building, Planning and Zoning, Public Works, Solid Waste, Transit and Team Metro departments.



Commissioner Jordan addressing constituents at the first of her series of Table Talk forums.

Remember, your questions and concerns are important. Call Commissioner Jordan's downtown office at 305-375-5694 or her district office at 305-770-3115 and let us know if you have a problem or if you want to make a suggestion.

New Dry Cleaning Voucher Program to Start in District One

Commissioner Jordan and former commissioner, Betty Ferguson, want District One residents to be well dressed for work and for interviews. They have joined forces with the Youth Co-op Center and Alan Dry Cleaners in Miami Gardens to identify and help people who are looking for jobs or who have recently started a new job. The Dry Cleaning Voucher program will allow 25 eligible individuals per month to receive free dry cleaning service for work clothes and uniforms.

"I understand the importance of looking your best for an interview and going to work neatly groomed," said Commissioner Jordan. "This program is going to help people do that."

To participate or to get more information, call Youth Co-op, Inc. at 305-687-2886.

Commissioner's Message

Some people are called giant because of their physical stature. Some people are called giant because of their great wealth or power. Others are giants because everything they do is larger, stretches further, weighs heavier, and has a bigger impact than anything done by most of us. Arthur Teele was such a giant.

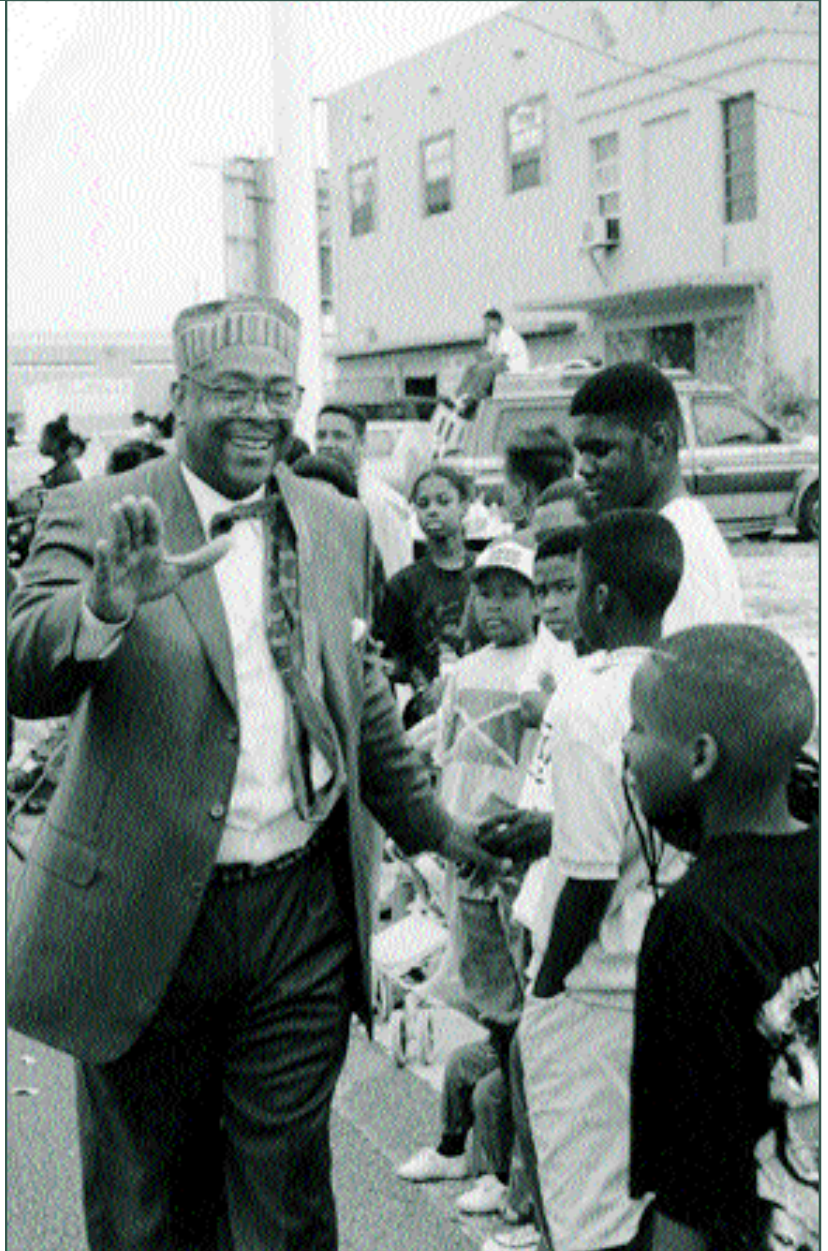
I join many of my fellow citizens in the county, the state and across the United States in acknowledging the greatness of our loss. I express my personal and heartfelt condolences to Arthur Teele's wife Stephanie and to his family and his many friends.

I feel privileged to have witnessed history in the making when Arthur Teele was selected the first-ever Chair of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners. In that position, he changed the way business was done, giving structure and vision to the policy-making function of our county government. We watched him shape the BCC into a consensus-building body, where the views of many were incorporated into public policy. Although Commissioner Teele could hang on the intellectual level of anyone, he maintained his ability to communicate effectively with citizens from all walks of life. That ability transformed into enormous support from thousands of Miami-Dade County residents who gave him their vote of confidence in his bid for mayor. I believe that his extraordinary abilities derived from a soaring intellectual energy, big ambition and deeply-felt compassion.

I also remember Commissioner Teele's championship of a cause very close to my heart. When funding for the Greater Miami Service Corps was threatened, he stood up for us. He used his high position and the lofty esteem in which he was held by his colleagues to ensure that our young people would continue to have access to quality job training, opportunities for personal development and career advancement.

Arthur Teele will be remembered by all of us.

A giant is gone.



How you can help

There are always opportunities for private citizens to serve on committees that make important decisions that affect residents, neighborhoods, projects and programs all across Miami-Dade County. Commissioner Jordan is looking for District One residents to sit on the following committees:

- Art in Public Places
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Biscayne Bay Shoreline Development Review Committee
- Board of Rules and Appeals
- Boundaries Commission
- Community Image Advisory Board
- Community Relations Board
- Construction Trades Qualifying Board- Division A

- Enterprise Zone Advisory Board
- Environmental Advisory Task Force
- Flood Management Task Force
- Industrial Development Authority
- Jay Malina Trade Consortium
- Living Wage Commission
- Minimum Housing Appeals Board
- Minority and Women Owned Business Advisory Board
- Safe Neighborhood Parks Citizens Oversight Committee
- Transportation Aesthetics Review Committee

For more information, or to be considered to sit on any of these committees, please call the District One downtown office at (305) 375-5694.

Commissioner Jordan Offers School Students Business Opportunities of a Lifetime

Thanks to Commissioner Jordan 25 students from District One got the opportunity to learn on the job during the summer. The Commissioner, with the help of several North Miami-Dade businesses, sponsored the Summer Youth Internship Initiative, which allowed the students to work in a "real job" during their eight-week break from school.

The program, which provides a wealth of career experience for students, was supported by Calder Race Course, Civil Process Services, Church's Fried Chicken, Civil CADD Engineering, Denny's Dolphin Stadium, Esther's Restaurant, Norland Medical Center, North Dade Community Federal Credit Union, PRC Corporation, Ross, Walgreen's and EBS Engineering, Inc.



Commissioner Jordan and some of the interns and business partners of her Summer Youth Internship Initiative.



Commissioner Jordan congratulates and presents a certificate of participation to Taly Cruz, a participant in the Summer Youth Internship Initiative and a Carol City High student. Taly worked in the Commissioner's downtown office.

Congratulations on a job well done to all the students who participated in the 2005 Summer Youth Internship Initiative

Marquitta Davis,

Calder Race Track

William Pruett,

Church's

Danielle King,

Civil Cadd Engineering

Shanay Ford,

Civil Process Service

Angelina Roberts,

Civil Process Service

Taly Cruz,

Commissioner Jordan's

Downtown Office

Carrington Bester,

Commissioner Jordan's

District Office

Donshay Brown,

Denny's

Samantha Stanley,

Denny's

Jessica McKay,

Dolphins Stadium

Michael Emanuel,

Dolphins Stadium

Samuel Bellamy,

Dolphins Stadium

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EBS Engineering

Thaddeus Smith,

Norland Medical Center

Xiomara Ellis,

Esther's Restaurant

Kierra Ward,

North Dade Community Federal

Credit Union

Sheldon Gunter,

PRC

Tiara Thomas,

Walgreen's

William Dukes,

ROSS

To the Aid of Those in Need

After Hurricane Katrina blew through Miami-Dade County causing widespread power outages, Commissioner Jordan jumped to the aid of her constituents organizing truckloads of water and ice to be distributed from the Carol City Park.

With the help of employees from Miami-Dade Transit, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, Team Metro and the Miami Gardens Police Department, Commissioner Jordan directed traffic and handed out bottles of water and bags of ice from morning to almost sun down.



Commissioner Jordan directing cars filled with grateful District One residents through the ice and water distribution center at Carol City Park.

Commissioner Jordan has also extended her help and concern to Hurricane Katrina victims in the Gulf States, supporting several relief efforts including the collection of much-needed supplies and a County-sponsored concert to raise funds. The commissioner was also part of a group of commissioners and mayors who traveled to the region to view the devastation first hand.

"The devastation is unspeakable," said Commissioner Jordan. "Seeing the ruin and the broken lives first-hand is far more heartbreaking than watching it on television. We cannot afford to stand by and watch our neighbors in distress. We must do everything we can to help families overcome this devastation and get back on their feet."

Legislative Matters Important to You

Commissioner Barbara Jordan is committed to serving the residents of District One by sponsoring legislation that is in their best interest. Here are some of the items being sponsored by Commissioner Jordan and being considered by the Board of County Commissioners:

- Resolution urging the state of Florida and the U.S. Congress not to reduce funding for the Safe and Drug Free Schools program
- Resolution requesting that the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust and the County Manager's Office evaluate the feasibility of providing surtax funding to the cities of Miami Gardens and Doral, which were in the process of incorporation at the time of the passage of the surtax
- Resolutions authorizing in-kind services from County departments in support of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren's Seniors in the Park event, the City of North Miami's Independence Day celebrations and for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.
- Resolution directing the county manager to place portraits of the sitting commissioner in regional libraries

Upcoming BCC Events and Meetings

October

- 6** • Zoning Hearings, 9:30 a.m.
- 11** • Infrastructure & Land Use Committee, 9:30 a.m.
- Community Empowerment & Economic Revitalization Committee, 2 p.m.
- General Obligation Bond Subcommittee, 4 p.m.
- 12** • Intergovernmental Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee, 9:30 a.m.
- Community Outreach, Safety & Healthcare Administration Committee, 2 p.m.
- 14** • Regional Transportation Committee, 9:30 a.m.
- Internal Management & Fiscal Responsibility Committee, 2 p.m.
- 18** • Board of County Commissioners, 9:30 a.m.
- 20** • Board of County Commissioners, 9:30 a.m.
- Metropolitan Planning Organization, 2 p.m.
- 25** • Urban Development Boundary Workshop, 10 a.m.
- Governmental Structure Task Force Meeting, 2 p.m.

November

- 1** • Board of County Commissioners, 9:30 a.m.
- 8** • Infrastructure & Land Use Committee, 9:30 a.m.
- Community Empowerment & Economic Revitalization Committee, 2 p.m.
- General Obligation Bond Subcommittee, 4 p.m.
- 9** • Intergovernmental, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee, 9:30 a.m.
- Community Outreach, Safety & Healthcare Administration Committee, 2 p.m.
- 10** • Regional Transportation Committee, 9:30 a.m.
- Internal Management & Fiscal Responsibility Committee, 2 p.m.
- 15** • Board of County Commissioners, 9:30 a.m.
- 17** • Board of County Commissioners, 9:30 a.m.
- Metropolitan Planning Organization, 2 p.m.
- 21** • Community Development Master Plan, 9:30 a.m.
- 22** • Urban Development Boundary Workshop, 10 a.m.
- Governmental Structure Task Force Meeting, 2 p.m.

December

- 6** • Board of County Commissioners, 9:30 a.m.
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Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Call the District One offices at 305-375-5694 or 305-770-3115 to confirm meeting times or to clarify agenda items.